

From A. M. Tomlinson.

BUSH HILL, RANDOLPH COUNTY.

27th of the 3rd month. 1866.

Denying emigration of Friends.

I am acquainted with nearly all the Friends residing in Guilford, Randolph and Davidson counties, and I have heard of no prosecution or ill treatment whatever, and there have but very few removed since the close of the war, and none from oppression that I know of. There have some two or three companies of people moved out of the above said counties, but there were but very few, if any, Friends among them.

To G. W. Brooks.¹

RALEIGH, Mar. 29/66.

I have made divers efforts to obtain the information sought by your letter of the 26th.

I recently got Gov. Swain, who went to Washington City at the instance of the Pub. Treasurer and myself to attend to sundry matters of State to inquire into the matter and especially to get some member to propose relief to the owners of real estate, whose factories, mills, and other houses were burned since the valuation of 1860. He consulted Hon. R. Johnson and others and not being able to get the required information, drew up in his own name a memorial to Congress on the subject which you will see was presented by Hon. R. Johnson and referred to Com. of Finance.

I have also written Hon. E. A. Rollins and as soon as I shall obtain any reliable information will inform you.

¹ George W. Brooks was a member of the Legislature of 1852. During the war he remained at home but was an outspoken adherent of the Union. He was a member of the Convention of 1865, and in 1866, being able to take the test oath, he was appointed United States District Judge.